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For: CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING )  
MACHINE AND CONTROL )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3"

Claim 5, line 1, delete ", 3 or 4".

Claim 8, line 1, delete ", 6 or 7".

Claim 10, line 1, delete ", 6 or 7".

Claim 11, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 10" to --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 11 to 14" to --claim 11--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 15" to --claim 1--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 15" to --claim 1--.